Retired from the world’s second largest rubber company, Ben Ammons devoted much of his considerable energy to his alma mater and was a valuable ally to me, as he had been to my predecessor.

Ten years before she became a trustee at the University, Ann Brennan welcomed me to Akron. She was always a local friend—there to help, inform, invest in, volunteer at, and support her alma mater.

Kathryn Hunter made leading a diverse real estate banking corporation appear effortless. I found in her a friend, advisor, and tireless advocate for our campus. Her unfailing
good humor and creative ideas made her a delightful addition to each initiative. Our close relationship lasted throughout her life.

I appreciated Joe Kanfer’s keen sense of social justice, innovative management techniques, thoughtful and remarkable insights, and genuine kindness. He had courage and was always willing to stand up for visionary and needed changes.

Frank Kelley led the number one polymer program in the country. He was a quiet, brilliant, and thoughtful man who brought international distinction to his alma mater. He was a good friend to all who wanted to advance the University.